

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/634,463	BRUEGEGEMEIER ET AL.	
	Examiner Celia Chang	Art Unit 1625	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 03/23/06 after final amendment.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,6-19,21 and 22.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

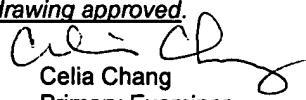
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date attached.
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other 08/04/03 9 drawing approved.



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DETAILED ACTION

1. An after final amendment was filed by applicants dated Mar. 23, 2006. Claims 4-5, , 23 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 6-22, 24 are pending.

2. ***Examiner's Amendment***

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Kristin J. Frost on April 24, 2006.

Claim 20 is canceled without prejudice of applicants filing of divisionals of methods other than treating breast cancer.

The restriction between the elected compounds and the method of treating breast cancer has been withdrawn and claims 21-22 are rejoined with the elected compounds.

3. ***Reason for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicants argument with respect to bioisosteric replacement of the prior art compound having a CO linkage with the bioisostere SO or SO₂ lacking motivating for the instant bicyclic estrogenic compounds finds evidential support in WO 95/10513. The WO '513 reference disclosed a wide variety of linker moieties between the bicyclic ring and the phenyl ring wherein none of the interchangeable moieties for CO was SO or SO₂ (see p.5 lines 15-20 for D). Therefore, the 103(a) rejection is dropped. The cancellation of claim 20 has obviated the 112 issues. Therefore, claims 1-3, 6-19, 21-22, 24 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang, can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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